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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: INDONESIAN INTEREST IN DEA PRESENCE

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1. SUMMARY: IN JULY 17 MEETING, AMBASSADOR AND GENERAL YOGA, CHIEF OF BAKIN (INDONESIAN STATE INTELLIGENCE COORDINATING AGENCY) DISCUSSED POSSIBLE DEA PRESENCE IN INDONESIA. YOGA EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR DEA PRESENCE AND SAID HE WOULD PREPARE FORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST TO THAT EFFECT. IT WAS AGREED OFFICERS FROM EMBASSY AND BAKOLAK (ACRONYM FOR INDONESIAN NAME TRANSLATED AS "COORDINATION BOARD FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PRESIDENTIAL INSTRUCTION NUMBER 6 OF 1971," A BOARD GIVEN RESPONSIBILITIES IN NARCOTICS FIELD) WOULD THEN UNDERTAKE DISCUSSIONS AIMED AT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SETTING DOWN PURPOSES AND CONDITIONS OF DEA PRESENCE AND DEA RELATIONSHIP TO GOI. SINCE YOGA'S ACTION, THOUGH CLEARED WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO, NOT WIDELY KNOWN IN GOI, THIS INFORMATION SHOULD
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BE CLOSELY HELD.

2. YOGA ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FURTHER US MATERIAL AND TRAINING ASSISTANCE IN NARCOTICS FIELD AND STAFF DISCUSSIONS WILL ALSO COVER THIS IN GREATER DETAIL. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS OR GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT OR DEA MAY HAVE FOR BAKOLAN-EMBASSY DISCUSSIONS TOWARD MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. END SUMMARY.

3. AS FOLLOW-UP TO CONSULTATIONS BAKIN CHIEF GENERAL YOGA HAD IN WASHINGTON IN MAY (REFTEL), AMBASSADOR HELD ONE-HOUR MEETING WITH YOGA ON JULY 17TH DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO NARCOTICS.

4. AFTER STRESSING HE WAS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING "PRINCIPLES", YOGA RAISED TWO QUESTIONS INVOLVING US ASSISTANCE IN NARCOTICS FIELD: FIRST WAS POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT OF US NARCOTICS EXPERT TO US MISSION TO WORK WITH GOI, PARTICULARLY BAKOLAK.

5. IN RESPONSE TO YOGA'S QUERIES RE POSSIBILITIES AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH ASSIGNMENT, AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED GREAT INTEREST USG HAS IN HELPING OTHER COUNTRIES WITH THEIR ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS -- IN PART OUT OF SELF-INTEREST, IN PART OUT OF DESIRE TO SHARE EXPERIENCES IN DEALING WITH PROGRAM WHICH KNOWS NO NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. AFTER RECALLING PREVIOUS EXAMPLES OF COOPERATION BETWEEN GOI AND DEA, AMBASSADOR SAID DEA HAS EXPERTISE WHICH COULD BE USEFUL TO GOI AND WE WOULD BE VERY WILLING URGE DEA PRESENCE IN INDONESIA PROVIDED THIS IS CLEARLY DESIRE OF GOI AND BASIS DEA'S OPERATIONS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH SIDES. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT, WHILE HE DID NOT WISH ADD UNNECESSARY PAPER WORK, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE WRITTEN EXPRESSION OF GOI INTEREST AS BASIS FOR WORKING OUT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

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6. AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT ANY DEA PRESENCE WOULD BE PART OF US MISSION, WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO WORK WITH AGENCIES DESIGNATED BY GOI, WOULD UNDER-TAKE NO ACTIVITIES WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATE GOI OFFICIALS, AND WOULD SHARE WITH GOI ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED ABOUT NARCOTICS SITUATION IN INDONESIA. AMBASSADOR ALSO STATED WE RECOGNIZE POSSIBILITY

DEA MIGHT GAIN INFORMATION ABOUT ACTIVITIES
WITHIN INDONESIA WHICH WOULD BE POLITICALLY
DELICATE E.G. INVOLVING IMPORTANT PERSONALITIES;
IN SUCH CASE, HE STRESSED, IT WOULD BE UP TO
GOI TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH INFORMATION AND
WHETHER DEA SHOULD CONTINUE INVOLVEMENT IN THAT
PARTICULAR AREA.

7. GENERAL YOGA SIAD HE WOULD DRAW UP FORMAL
WRITTEN REQUEST FOR DEA PRESENCE; THEREAFTER, IT
WAS AGREED, NEXT STEP WOULD BE DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN BAKOLAK AND MISSION OFFICIALS RE DETAILS
AND MODALITIES OF DEA PRESENCE; OBJECTIVE WOULD
BE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (OR EQUIVALENT)
SETTING DOWN PURPOSES AND CONDITIONS OF DEA
PRESENCE, AND DEA RELATIONSHIP TO GOI.

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8. GENERAL YOGA MADE CLEAR HIS INTEREST IN
DEA PRESENCE, THOUGH CLEARED WITH PRESIDENT
SUHARTO, NOT WIDELY KNOWN WITHIN GOI.
(COMMENT: WE URGE THEREFORE THAT THIS
INFORMATION BE HELD CLOSELY FOR YIME BEING. AT
APPROPRIATE TIME, WE WILL WANT TO INSURE THAT
OTHER PARTS OF GOI AWARE OF PLANS WHICH
MATERIALIZE FOR DEA PRESENCE.)

9. SECOND MATTER YOGA RAISED WAS POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER MATERIAL AND TRAINING ASSISTANCE FROM USG. WITHOUT MENTIONING SPECIFIC ITEMS, YOGA SAID HE HOPED USG WOULD CONTINUE PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE AND NOTED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE OF ENFORCEMENT TRAINING, SINCE INDONESIAN OFFICERS ARE JUST BEGINNING TO COME TO GRIPS WITH NARCOTICS PROBLEM AND HAVE MUCH TO LEARN.

10. YOGA ASKED ABOUT QUANTITY AND NATURE OF US ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AND WHETHER ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA MIGHT EVEN BE EXPANDED. AMBASSADOR REPLIED WE VERY INTERESTED IN COOPERATING WITH GOI WITH SUCH ASSISTANCE; HE SAID WE HAVE HAD MODEST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN PAST (HE GAVE YOGA CONFIDENTIAL

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LIST OF OFFICIALS PREVIOUSLY TRAINED AND OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMED THROUGH FY 74) AND ARE IN PROCESS OF MAKING PLANS FOR FUTURE. AMBASSADOR SAID OUR PLANNING, AS WELL AS OUR SUCCESS IN GETTING PORTION OF LIMITED FUNDS AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON, WOULD BE GREATLY HELPED IF WE COULD HAVE INDONESIAN ANALYSIS OF EXTENT AND SERIOUSNESS OF NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN INDONESIA, OUTLINE OF LONG-RANGE GOI PLANS TO COMBAT PROBLEM AND OF SPECIFIC STEPS (E.G. MATERIEL AND TRAINING) NEEDED TO PUT PLANS INTO OPERATION. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THIS MATTER ALSO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER IN TALKS BETWEEN EMBASSY AND BAKOLAK STAFFS.

1. COMMENT: WE ARE OF COURSE GRATIFIED AT THIS DEVELOPMENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSIONS WITH BAKOLAK OFFICIALS ONCE FORMAL REQUEST FOR DEA PRESENCE RECEIVED FROM GENERAL YOGA. WE BELIEVE WE HAVE NECESSARY INFORMATION HERE FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS BUT WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS OR GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT OR DEA MAY HAVE. WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD DEA NORMALLY WANTS TWO OFFICERS PLUS SECRETARY IN COUNTRY. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED WE WOULD PLAN SPEAK IN TERMS ONE AGENT IN VIEW SUPPORT PROBLEMS INVOLVED. WE ALREADY FACE FAIRLY SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF OFFICE SPACE, AND APPROPRIATE HOUSING REMAINS IN SHORT SUPPLY AND VERY EXPENSIVE (E.G. WE ESTIMATE HOUSING FOR DEA OFFICER WOULD COST CLOSE TO \$60,000 FOR FIVE-YEAR LEASE, PLUS ABOUT \$5,000 FOR INITIAL REPAIRS NECESSARY MAKE

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